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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/07		
SPONSOR	B. Lujan	LAST UPDATED	1/31/07
	Making an Appropriation for Acequia Governance	HB	230
SHORT TITLE	Education, Training and Technical Assistance	SB	
		ANALYST	Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 33

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Finance and Administration and Office of State Engineer

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
Office of State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 230 makes an Appropriation for Acequia Governance Education, Training and Technical Assistance.

HB 230 would appropriate \$500,000 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY08 for acequia governance education, training, and technical assistance. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of State Engineer reports there are no significant issues related to this bill. OSE/ISC staffs currently provide assistance to acequias and community ditches when requested regarding the adoption and implementation of bylaws, rules, regulations, and technical issues.

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Additional assistance available to acequias as the result of this bill in governance education and technical assistance in preparing by-laws, obtaining tax identification numbers, and preparing a scope of work for spending funds would expedite the ISC Acequia Program process.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 33

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

\$500 thousand would not be available to expand the work of the Office of State Engineer and DFA on acequia governance education, training and technical assistance.

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